Mid-Term appraisal of Ninth Five Year Plan

965. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term appraisal of the Ninth Five Year Plan is made; and

(b) if so, how far the growth targets are met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTIC AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The exercise for the Mid-Term Appraisal (MTA) of the Ninth Five Yeal Plan is currently in progress. The Editorial Committee of the Planning Commission, constituted for the Mid Term Appraisal Document is in the process of finalising the draft chapters.

(b) Against a target average growth rate in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 6.5 per cent per annum set for the Ninth Five Year Plan, the growth rate achieved in the first two years of the Plan was 5 and 6 per cent for 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively.

UN report of Mai-Nutrition and Starvation

†966. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the United Nations report published recently wherein it has been stated that out of the total 800 million people in the world suffering from starvation and mal-nutrition, 204 million people*belong to India;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether government have carried out the actual estimate of

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.